

JOINT GOVERNMENTAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
Monday, February 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. in the Escanaba City Council Chambers, Room C101, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, Michigan, Delta County.

Present: State Senator Tom Casperson, Escanaba Delta County Commissioners David Rivard, Theresa Nelson, and Ryan Bergman Delta County Administrator, Escanaba Mayor Marc D. Tall and Council Member Ronald Beauchamp, City Manager James V. O'Toole, Escanaba City Clerk Robert S. Richards, Nichole Sanderson of the City of Gladstone, Michigan Department of Transportation representatives Mike Premo, Cory Gardner, and Dan Viau, Wells Township Supervisor Matt Jenson, Doug Leisenring Superintendent of Delta-Schoolcraft Intermediate School District, Philip L. Strom Delta County Prosecutor, Gladstone/Rapid River Superintendent Jay Kulburtis, Peter Van Steen of CUPPAD, Douglas Delta County/Schoolcraft Intermediate School District, Greg Johnson of Bark River Township, Herb Pomeroy of Nahma Township, Pete Brock of Masonville Township, Dennis Maufort of Brampton Township, Ed Legault Escanaba DDA Director, Stacy Haughey Department of Natural Resources, Vicki Schwab Executive Director of the Delta County Economic Development Alliance, and members of the public and media.

Escanaba City Manager James O'Toole, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

NEW BUSINESS

Update – State Senator Tom Casperson.

State Representative Tom Casperson provided the group with an update on the following legislative issues currently under deliberation, discussion and debate in Lansing:

- Michigan Legacy Costs;
- MDOT HWY Projects;
- UP Tourism promotion of snowmobile and ORV's;
- UP Electric Transmission and Distribution, Mining and Energy;
- Dark Store Issue;
- Car Insurance Reform Package;
- Michigan Medical Marijuana Act;
- Pension reform;
- Disabled Veteran's Exemptions;
- Manufacturing Property Tax Phase out;
- Income Tax Reduction;
- Michigan Municipal Assessor Hiring Issues.

Update – US 2/US41/M35 Escanaba River Bridge Project.

Representatives from the Michigan Department of Transportation provided the group with an update on the Escanaba River Bridge reconstruction project beginning in spring 2017.

- Will be a two year project. Half the bridge would be constructed each year. Traffic will be reduced to one lane;
- Emergency Table Top Discussion on April 20th;
- Closures and detours dates would be announced.

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Committee Member Announcements and Updates.

Those in attendance also provided Items of mutual interest and concern in their municipalities.

Next scheduled meeting was March 8, 2017.

Hearing no further public comment, meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Robert S. Richards, Escanaba City Clerk, Recording Secretary